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SUBJ: REPORTED SUSPENSION OF CLASSES AT PEKING UNIVERSITY

REF: STATE 6158 (NOTAL)

1. BRITISH CONFIRM THAT PEKING UNIVERSITY SUSPENDED CLASSES FOR THE SECOND TIME THIS ACADEMIC YEAR SOMETIME SHORTLY BEFORE CHRISTMAS. STUDENTS REPORTEDLY NOT ATTENDING CLASSES IN ORDER TO TAKE PART IN "THE MOVEMENT."

2. IN A SEPARATE BUT POSSIBLY RELATED DEVELOPMENT, A "WORKERS PROPAGANDA TEAM" HAS ARRIVED ON THE CAMPUS OF THE CHINESE LANGUAGE INSTITUTE SET UP THIS YEAR FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS. THE GROUP ARRIVED LAST WEEK TO THE ACCOMPANIMENT OF GONGS AND CYMBALS IN WHAT WAS DESCRIBED AS A CAREFULLY CONTRIVED CEREMONY. STUDENTS HAVE BEEN TOLD THAT THE PROPAGANDA TEAM WILL BE PART OF THE LEADERSHIP GROUP AT THE INSTITUTE, BUT THUS FAR THEY HAVE YET TO MAKE AN APPEARANCE SINCE THEIR ARRIVAL.

3. COMMENT: WE HAVE NOT HEARD WHETHER WORKERS PROPAGANDA TEAMS HAVE APPEARED AT PEKING UNIVERSITY, BUT IT WOULD SEEM LIKELY. WHILE THESE EVENTS HAVE AROUSED A CERTIN
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AMOUNT OF SPECULATION HERE, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT THEY ARE

ALL BEING STAGED UNDER CONTROL OF AUTHORITIES.

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